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SUBJECT: 55TH ECOSOC - WEST ASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION

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- 1. EMBASSY DELIVERED TO FONOFF ON JULY 26 TEXTS OF AMBASSADOR FERGUSON'S SPEECH AND THE RELEASE TO ECOSOC DELS PROVIDED IN REFERENCED CABLES.
- 2. ON JULY 31, POLCOUN DISCUSSED MATTER WITH HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BUREAU (MINISTER FLOURET) AND, IN REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION REFERRING MATTER TO ICJ, LEFT STATEMENT OF US VIEWS (STATE 147027). FLOURET STATED GOA HAD NOT YET REACHED A DECISION, BUT IT BELIEVED FOLLOWING FACTORS HAD TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION:

A. ARAB COUNTRIES FEAR ISRAELI ECONOMIC POWER EVEN MORE THAN ITS MILITARY MIGHT. THEY ARE CONCERNED, TOO, THAT ISRAEL WILL SERVE AS A TROJAN HORSE UNDER COVER OF WHICH CAPITAL FROM OTHER COUNTRIES (US, BRITISH, FRENCH, ETC.) WILL GAIN ENTRANCE INTO AREA.

B. IF ISRAEL BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE PROPOSED ECONOMIC COMMISSION, THE BITTER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARAB STATES WILL INEVITABLY BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW

COMMISSION, PARALYZING ITS WORK.

C. THERE IS A STRONG MOVEMENT AMONG THE LATIN AMERICAN STATES AGAINST EXISTING OUTSIDE MEMBERSHIP IN ECLA AND A DESIRE TO TERMINATE SUCH MEMBERSHIPS. FLOURET SAID GOA WISHES TO AVOID A STANCE ON THE PROPOSED WEST ASIAN COMMISSION WHICH MIGHT LIMIT ITS FREEDOM OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO ECLA.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT GOA DECISION WHEN TAKEN. KREBS

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